

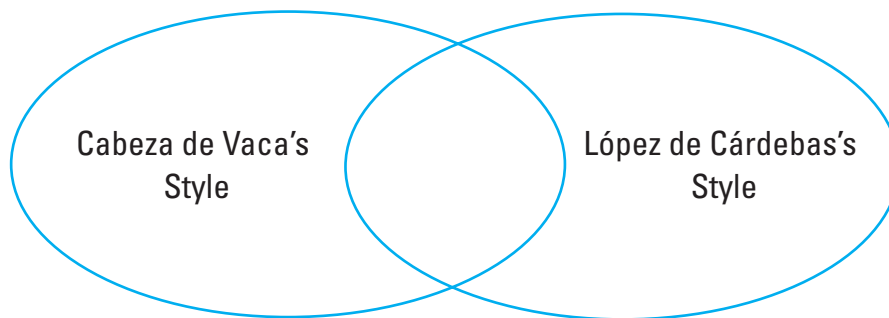
## BUILD SKILLS

# A Journey Through Texas • Boulders Taller Than the Great Tower of Seville

### LITERARY ANALYSIS

Early European explorers often wrote about their travels in the Americas. These stories are called **exploration narratives**. Exploration narratives use details to describe the places explorers visit and the people they meet. Explorers write narratives to help people back home imagine what a place is like.

Authors write with different styles. An **author's style** is his or her choice of words, detail, and focus. For example, the authors of these two narratives provide different details to tell about their explorations. They focus on events, people, and places in different ways. Fill out this Venn diagram with the similarities and differences in the writing styles of these two authors.



### READING STRATEGY

To follow the order of events, pay close attention to **signal words**—words that highlight the relationships among ideas. Look at these examples:

- **time:** *After five days*, they had not *yet* returned.
- **contrast:** . . . *although* this was the warm season, no one could live in this canyon because of the cold.

As you read, take note of signal words and the relationships they indicate.